

# SAFETY MESSAGE

Personal Safety is our #1 priority



## **Protect Your Eyes,** Compiled by USDA-APHIS- CCEP

Common injuries in the grove or field are scratches and puncture wounds to the eye.

## **Watch out for branches!**

Fungal eye infections are commonplace in agricultural workers.

Possible fungal organisms encountered:

- Yeast, *Candida albicans*.
- Filamentous fungi, such as, *Alternaria*, *Fusarium solani* and *Aspergillus flavus*.

Trauma, from **vegetable matter**, may introduce saprophytic fungi into the cornea and/or adjacent tissue, giving rise to invasive disease.

**Be aware of your immediate surroundings.**